Maharashtra-Karnataka Border

3596. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which Mahajan Commission submitted its report to the Government of India suggesting solution for the long pending border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the commission has suggested that Kannada areas like Sholapur and other adjacent area should be merged with Karnataka;

(c) whether the Government of India has a proposal to implement the recommendations of the Mahajan Commisison in toto;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(f) the time by which the same would be implemented in toto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The Mahajan Commission submitted its report to the Government of India on 25.8.1967.

(b) The Mahajan Commission recommended the following areas for transfer from the State of Maharashtra to the State of Mysore :

(i) The whole of taluka of Akkalkot along with the town of Akkalkot;

(ii) 44 villages in the taluka of Jath;

(iii) 65 villages in the taluka of South Sholapur, and

(iv) 15 villages in the taluka of Gadhinglaj;

The Commission rejected the counter claim of the State of Mysore to the city of Sholapur, the taluka of Chandgad and the taluka of North Sholapur. Some areas from the State of Mysore were also recommended by the Commission for transfer to the State of Maharashtra.

(c) to (f). The Government of India are of the view that this dispute can be resolved with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. The Government of India will be glad to extend all possible assistance to them in this regard.

The Chief Minister of Maharashtra has recently written to the Chief Minister of Karnataka expressing this willingness for mutual discussions on the long pending border issue.

Benefits to Freedom Fighters Pensioners

3597. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether recent decision by the Supreme Court has enabled more persons to avail the benefits extended to the freedom fighters;

(b) whether the freedom fighters granted amnesty by the British Government have become entitled for pension as a result thereof; and

(c) whether the discharged persons of the naval mutiny would also benefit therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed certain decision in various cases from time to time. Notwithstanding the decision(s) of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it has always been the aim and intention of the government that no genuine freedom fighter is denied his legitimate claim for grant of pension.

Freedom Fighters who were granted general amnesty by the British Government without asking for the same or tendering an apology for securing premature release before completion of their sentence are entitled for grant of pension. Similarly, the persons who were discharged/dismissed from service on their taking part in the Royal Indian Navy Mutiny are also entitled for grant of samman pension under the provisions of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme.

Allocation of Neptha

3598. SHRI TARA CHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan had made a request to the Government of India for the allocation of Neptha for production of Soda Ash, Urea, diamonia Phosphate and to set up a Petrochemical Complex in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THIS MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposals for Godowns

3599. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposals received from the State/ Union Territories for providing assistance for the construction of godowns during 1995-96 and 1996-97, State-wise;

(b) the details of proposals sanctioned alongwith the assistance provided by the Government during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the target for creation of additional storage facilities for the States/Union Territories during 1995-96, 1996-97 and the achievements made in this regard;

(d) whether storage facilities are inadequate and dependency is more on the hired godowns; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). Statement I and II are enclosed.

(c) to (e) No annual targets have been fixed for creation of additional storage facility. The Government aims to reduce the dependency on hired godowns through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Public Distribution System by grant of financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for construction of small godowns for storage of foodgrains. However, the Central Government has been able to fulfil the demands of the State Governments only partially due to Budgetary constraints and thus dependency on hired godowns continues. Efforts are being made to get more allocation under the scheme so that more funds can be made available to the States/UTs.

STATEMENT-I

Proposals received from the States/UTs and sanctions for the construction of godowns during 1995-96

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	States/UTs	Proposals Received			Sanctioned		
		No.	Capacity	Amount	No.	Capacity	Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh	29	9400	228.60	-	-	107.48
2.	Gujarat	20	9250	291.05	8	4000	-
3.	J & K	58	19230	1071.11	20	6650	288.23
4.	Madhya Pradesh	14	14000	228.70	-	-	-
5.	Maharashtra	1	500	8.60	4	2442	41.10
6.	Manipur	11	2200	89.45	11	2200	136.80
7.	Mizoram	14	3300	82.63	11	2400	62.63
8.	Orissa	77	19250	334.75	-	-	-
9.	Rajasthan	10	18000	261.90	4	8800	113.76
10.	Uttar Pradesh	63	19550	1510.49	-	-	-
11.	A and N Island	-	-	-	-	-	5.00*
	Total	305	116130	4183.28	58	26492	755.00

* Enhancement of expenditure of funds sanctioned during 1991-92 and 1992-93.

STATEMENT-II

Proposals received from the States/UTs and sanctions for the construction of godowns during 1996-97

(Rs. in lakhs)

S No	States/UTs	Proposals Received			Sanctioned		
		No.	Capacity	Amount	No.	Capacity	Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	-	-	-	16	5000	124.20
2.	Assam	16	30300	364.62	-	-	-
3.	Haryana	13	38500	500.00	-	-	-
4.	Madhya Pradesh*	-	-	-	14	14000	228.76
5.	Tamil Nadu*	-	-	-	18	2480	50.00
6.	Uttar Pradesh*	-	-	-	20	5400	162.00
	Total	29	68800	864.62	68	26880	564.96

* Proposals though received during 1995-96, were considering during the year 1996-97.